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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of

LaMoureux et al.

Serial No. 09/696,754

Filed: 25 October 2000

For: DISTRIBUTED COMMERCE SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: Joseph A. Fischetti

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued August 27, 2003 having a 30-day shortened statutory period of response set to expire by September 27, 2003. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to respond (i.e., to and including October 27, 2003) and enclose the appropriate fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

## **ELECTION**

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-12, drawn to a method for distributing and

deriving) for prosecution.

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